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What is claimed is:

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1. An entry control system for permitting authorized users to access a controlled area by moving a barrier, comprising:

a specific action button;

an entry request device for accepting a user data input;

a controller operably coupled to the entry request device and the specific action button and having an output,

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such that the controller receives the user data input and an indication of a position of the barrier and determines based at least in part upon the user data input and the indication of the position of the barrier whether a first control signal should be generated at the output, the controller also receiving an indication of an actuation of the specific action button and selectively generating a second control signal at the output based at least in part upon the indication of the position of the barrier.

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2. The system of claim 1 comprising a receiver communicatively coupled to the transmitter at the output, the receiver receiving the first and second control signals.

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3. The system of claim 2 comprising a barrier operator coupled to the receiver, the operator selectively moving the barrier upon receipt of the first and second control signals.

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4. The system of claim 1 wherein the entry request device is a keypad.

5. The system of claim 1 wherein the first control signal opens the barrier and the second control signal closes the barrier.

5 6. The system of claim 1 wherein the specific actuation button may be
a close button, a stop button, an open button, a light button, or a learn button.

 7. The system of claim 1 wherein the specific action button changes
function after a predetermined time period.

10 8. The system of claim 1 comprising apparatus for detecting an RF-ID, and
wherein the second control signal is not transmitted unless the controller detects an
RF-ID.

15 9. The system of claim 1 wherein the second control signal is not
transmitted unless the controller receives a biometric signature.

 10. The system of claim 1 wherein the generation of the control signals
is delayed for a predetermined time after the actuation of the specific action button.

20 11. An entry control system for permitting authorized users to access a
controlled area by moving a barrier, comprising:

 a specific action button;

 an entry request device for accepting a user data input;

25 a controller operably coupled to the entry request device and the specific
action button and having an output,

 such that the controller receives the user data input and determines based at
least in part upon the user data input whether a first control signal should be generated
at the output, the controller also receiving an indication of an actuation of the specific
30 action button and selectively generating a second control signal.

 12. The system of claim 11 comprising a receiver communicatively
coupled to the transmitter at the output, the receiver receiving the first and second
control signals.

5 13. The system of claim 12 comprising a barrier operator coupled to the receiver, the operator selectively moving the barrier upon receipt of the first and second control signals.

10 14. The system of claim 11 wherein the entry request device is a keypad.

 15. The system of claim 11 wherein the first control signal opens the barrier and the second control signal closes the barrier.

15 16. The system of claim 11 wherein the specific actuation button may be a close button, a stop button, an open button, a light button, or a learn button.

 17. The system of claim 11 wherein the specific action button changes function after a predetermined time period.

20 18. The system of claim 17 wherein the specific action button changes from a close button to a stop button.

25 19. The system of claim 11 comprising apparatus for detecting an RF-ID, and wherein the second control signal is not transmitted unless the controller detects an RF-ID.

 20. The system of claim 11 wherein the second control signal is not transmitted unless the controller receives a biometric signature.

30 21. The system of claim 11 wherein the generation of the control signals is delayed for a predetermined time after the actuation of the specific action button.